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Re: Serial No. 09/997,663
Application for COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT
OF SKIN
Filing Date: November 29 2001
Our File No.: 0121753.01004

Dear Sir:

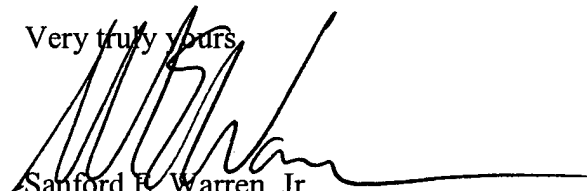
Enclosed for filing please find the following items relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Response to Office Action;
- (2) Check for \$205.00 for 2-month extension;
- (3) Return post card; and
- (4) Express Mail No. EU828073509US.

Please file the Response and return the date-stamped post card to the address indicated.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this application, please call the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,


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In re application of:

Lorraine Faxon Meisner

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For: Compositions and Methods for the
Treatment of Skin

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 03, 2002, a response was due on March 03, 2003. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time and has enclosed a check in the amount of \$205.00 for an extension for response within the second month for a small entity. Applicant therefore submits that this response is timely filed on May 02, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

L Please amend claims 1, 2, 17 and 18 to read as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A composition comprising:
at least about 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid, wherein the ascorbic acid comprises ascorbic acid;
an aminosugar; and
water, wherein the composition has a pH of more than 3.5.
2. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ascorbic acid is pretreated.